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### Lebanon

Education and Labor Minister Salim al-Huss escaped an "assassination attempt" in which five people were killed by a car bomb on 5 September, Voice of Lebanon radio reported. Al-Huss was reportedly "slightly wounded" in the incident, the radio added.

In recent political developments, President Amin al-Jumayyil returned from Damascus on 3 September after meeting with Syrian leaders, Damascus radio reported. Talks centered on promoting the process of normalization in Lebanon. Al-Jumayyil reported to the Cabinet meeting the next day that his meeting in Damascus will have a "positive" effect on the current security and political situation and that his Syrian counterpart Hafiz al-Asad is giving the salvation process his "unlimited" support, Beirut radio noted.

In the afternoon of 4 September, Ministers Nabih Birri and Walid Junblatt left for Damascus for talks with Syrian officials about joint efforts to accelerate the national salvation process, the radio added.

### Maghreb

*Libyan Celebrations* — Syrian Vice President Muhammad Zuhayr Mashariqah returned to Damascus after attending the celebrations in Tripoli of Libya's 1 September revolution, Damascus radio reported. PNC Speaker Khalid al-Fahum and leaders of the Palestinian National Alliance also departed Tripoli on 3 September after attending the celebrations, JANA noted.

*Western Sahara* — A total of 298 Moroccan soldiers were killed and 391 injured during operations by the Saharan People's Liberation Army in the last 15 Days of August, according to a 3 September SDAR communique cited by APS.

### Iraq-FRG

Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq 'Aziz arrived in Bonn on a 2-day "working visit," and held separate meetings with his FRG counterpart Hans-Dietrich Genscher and FRG Chancellor Helmut Kohl, DPA reported.

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*LD042308 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT*
*4 Sep 84*

[Unattributed commentary]

[Text] The counterrevolutionary forces have lost their support among the masses of the country. Supported by their Western masters with the intention of intimidating our compatriots, they are endeavoring to broaden the extent of their terrorism and killing. In their activities the bandits employ any savage tactics and terrorism against our peace-loving compatriots and do not hesitate to kill the elderly, women, and children.

The barbarous deeds of the bandits belonging to Hikmatyar, Rabbani, and other obedient servants of imperialism in the cities and villages of Afghanistan are clear to every one. Shameful deeds, terrorism, attempts to kill and torture, the killing of tens and hundreds of innocent human beings, the destruction of schools, hospitals, cultural and historic monuments, even mosques, and attacks on economic installations are minor examples from the list of their services to Islam.

Robbery and bandit attacks along the highways, attacks on commercial shops and on the homes of our peace-loving people are continuing.

The collection of money in the name of waging jihad, according to their expression, by exerting pressure on our compatriots, is continuing, and it is clear to everyone that the major portion of the huge sums which are being collected by force go into the pockets of the bandit ringleaders and their close servants.

Even terror and intimidation cannot be compared with the crime of the U.S. espionage agencies, which, according to prepared plans, are arming counterrevolutionaries in our country with chemical weapons which are most dreadful weapons of mass destruction. Counterrevolutionary elements have previously made use of chemical weapons. Undeniable evidence exists; from time to time it is published in the country's press. Some of this evidence is listed as follows:

In 1981 ammunition with a CS mark was seized from one of the gangs in Herat Province. It contained a poisonous substance.

In 1982 the counterrevolutionary elements imported lethal chemical substances with which they poisoned the drinking water of one of the schools in Kabul city. As a result 100 girls were infected, 14 of them died.

At the beginning of 1983 U.S.-made chemical mines were seized from bandits in Ghazni Province and substances containing tear gas were discovered.

In the news conference dated 20 March 1983 which was held in Kabul, a member of a band, Mer Hamza, reported in detail to foreign journalist about the source of their chemical weapons as well as about the nature and method of use, taught by the U.S. experts.

In the summer of the same year a quantity of potassium cyanide was seized by the organs of the security forces from a bandit who was captured in Parwan Province as he was on his way to Kabul to wage destruction. The quantity was enough to poison the population of a big city. The point is, how and from whom do the above bandits obtain this lethal poison? It is clear that potassium cyanide is not produced in Afghanistan.

In this respect we should remind all the people of Afghanistan and the world public that at this very moment the possibility of the bandits using poisonous chemical weapons in Afghanistan does exist. A number of counterrevolutionary elements who have come over to the side of the government have said that the military equipment brought into Afghanistan by the bandits via Pakistan from the U.S. and from a number of other countries, includes a large number of chemical bullets, mines, and so forth. Moreover, they have reported that there are plans for the extensive use of these chemical weapons in their subversive actions against the representatives of the organs of the national authority, the Armed Forces, and our peace-loving compatriots.

The above plans are designed by those who provide the rebels with poisonous substances — that is to say, the U.S. spies want to create the impression that chemical weapons are being used against the people by the Armed Forces of Afghanistan and by the limited contingent of Soviet units in the DRA. Thus they want to undermine the democratic organizational power of our country and our Soviet friends in front of our people and large segments of the world community.

The ringleaders of the counterrevolutionary bands entrenched in Pakistan think, as do their foreign masters, that anything can be used in their battle against the people of Afghanistan. They are prepared to implement the evil thoughts of their foreign masters.

The bandits have already received instructions from their masters to commit crimes and use chemical weapons in the DRA while assessing the results of such crimes.

Their masters have issued particular instructions to them to send to Peshawer photographs of infected people and crops and record interviews as well as provide samples of soil and water from the infected regions.

The bandits have been advised not to hesitate to kill our peace-loving compatriots so that their collected documents can receive further attention. The Americans then make use of these photographs, bandits' reports, and soil and water samples to deceive the Afghan and other communities and create the lie and fabrication that it is not the bandits and Americans but the Afghan and Soviet troops who are waging chemical warfare in Afghanistan.

On the other side of the poisonous cloud with which the counterrevolutionaries want to cover the atmosphere of Afghanistan, the dirty hand of U.S. imperialism and of its Pakistani collaborators is clearly visible. Do not allow the new crimes, arising from the chemical hysteria of the enemies and of their supporters, to be implemented. This is the direct responsibility of the fighting people of Afghanistan and of all peace-loving forces of our planet.

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### Syria-Iran

An Iranian "political-military delegation" headed by President 'Ali Khamene'i left for Syria on 6 September, IRNA reported.

### Syria-Jordan

Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad and Jordanian King Husayn exchanged congratulatory cables on 'Id al-Adha, Damascus and Amman radios reported.

### Lebanon

*Assassination Attempt* — The car bomb that injured Education and Labor Minister Salim al-Huss was aimed at Shaykh Hasan Khalid, the mufti of Lebanon, according to security sources cited by the clandestine Voice of Arab Lebanon radio. A total of 5 people were killed in the bombing and 29 others were wounded, including an Egyptian diplomat, Voice of Lebanon radio noted. The Lebanese Forces denounced the attack, stating through a spokesman cited by the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon that any attempt to harm any religious or political leader is regarded by the Lebanese Forces as an attempt to harm Lebanon and its stability and security.

*IDF Patrol* — An IDF armored patrol crossed the Al-Awwali River and met with officials of the Progressive Socialist Party, Voice of Lebanon reported. IDF sources cited by Jerusalem radio confirmed that an IDF patrol entered the Al-Kharrub region, but stated that it was a "routine" patrol intended to prevent "terrorists" from infiltrating into the area and had nothing to do with the Druze-Christian conflicts. However, the sources noted that fighting between the two groups subsided after mediation by IDF liaison officers. Jerusalem television maintained that the patrol's aim was to deter Druze advances and to prevent Christian refugees fleeing southward.

### Egypt-Libya

President Husni Mubarak refused to receive a "new envoy" of Libyan leader Colonel Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi when the envoy came to Cairo recently following the Red Sea incidents, according to *AL-AHRAM* cited by MENA. The envoy was to present an offer from Al-Qadhdhafi of $5 billion in return for Egypt's "indication" or "mere hint" of its readiness to abrogate "the peace treaty," and for Egypt's return of the Libyan pilot who had recently defected to Egypt.

*AL-AHRAM* noted that the offer was rejected because Al-Qadhdhafi has never fulfilled any of his promises to Egypt or to any other Arab or Islamic state, and he is a "completely unreliable" leader of an "irresponsible" regime. MENA cited the paper's contention that "reliable information" indicated that Al-Qadhdhafi's "latest mad adventures in the Red Sea" created the crisis there. The paper maintained that his practices will continue as long as others do not confront him with a "serious stand that will deter him."

### Maghreb

Mauritania declared that the recent Morocco-Libya agreement is "tantamount to balkanization of the Arab Maghreb," Algiers radio reported citing a Mauritanian official communique. Mauritania expressed hope that the idea of a united Arab Maghreb will prevail over "whims and emotions," and expressed "regret" at the present atmosphere in the area, the communique added.

In a related development, Mauritanian President Khouna Ould Haydala stated in an interview with the Paris paper *LE FIGARO* that he hoped the Morocco-Libya agreement is not aimed at "sabotaging" the establishment of the Greater Maghreb.

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**President Karmal's 'Id al-Adha Speech**

*LD052318 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1630 GMT 5 Sep 84*

[Speech by Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and President of the DRA Revolutionary Council, delivered for radio and television on the occasion of 'Id al-Adha; place not given — recorded]

[Excerpts] In the name of Almighty God [rendered in Pashto]. Righteous and toiling Afghan Muslims: Allow me to convey to you and all fraternal people of the Muslim countries and our persecuted Pashtun and Baloch brethen, greetings and best wishes from the party, which is full of the spirit of sacrifice, the DRA state and government, and my own gretings, on the occasion of the days of 'Id of sacrifice of the world Muslims. I extend warm praise from body and heart to the spirit of all martyrs of the path of righteousness and freedom of the exploited and oppressed human beings, and to those sacrificed in the just struggle of the people of Afghanistan.

Compatriot Muslims: Let us speak with each other simply in keeping with the long-lasting traditions of our people, in these days of peace and friendship, days of pleasure and happiness for the world's Muslims, and pay profound attention to our country, the present and future of our children, sisters and brothers, and to the great wisdom of the auspicious 'Id al-Adha. Let us rise again and make ourselves ready for sacrifice. Let us learn under the present circumstances and conditions, what is prescribed and ordered by the 'Id of sacrifice in our country. Here, the command of Almighty God and the righteous wisdom of the 'Id of sacrifice are being realized in our country. The right path is becoming clearer to the Muslim people of Afghanistan and the eternal prosperity of the Afghan toilers will finally be secured.

It is clear and obvious that there are two ways for the Afghan people — that is to say, for the Pashtun, Tajik, Hazara, Usbek, Turkman, Baloch, Nuristani, Pasha'i and other fraternal people of our homeland. On the one hand the path of slavery and inferiority, the division of Afghanistan, oppression and cruelty, despotism and exploitation, terrorism and strangulation, terror, poverty and illness, pain and sadness, ignorance and illiteracy, deprivation of right and [words indistinct], the path of sovereignty of feudal oppressors, nobles, aristocrats, monarchists, paid servants of the overseas enemies of the free and revolutionary Afghanistan; U.S. imperialism, militarists and reactionaries; expansionist Pakistanis, Iranians, and Chinese; and, finally, all of them together signifying the path of barbarous reaction and bloodthirsty imperialism.

On the other hand the path of righteousness and freedom, independence and national sovereignty, genuine democracy and social justice, fraternity and equality, economic and social progress, blossoming of science and technology, literacy and culture, work and struggle, material and spiritual prosperity, science and security, sovereignty of the Afghan people in the land of Afghanistan, and, finally, a life full of prosperity and tranquility in the rich Afghan society.

Dear compatriots: There is no path other than these two. The middle path does not exist. It is either a shameful death, surrender to the enemies at home and abroad, the enemies of the revolution and the homeland of Afghans, or a bright and honorable life.

Let us think again on this sacrificing day of the working Muslims of Afghanistan and the world and about the homeland and our people. It is known to everyone that the national and democratic April revolution in Afghanistan is invincible. Accurate reports reach the state and the DRA government every day about the support and loyalty of the overwhelming majority of the people for our party, the PDPA, the party of the working class, and all workers of Afghanistan, for the National Fatherland Front [NFF], for the state and the DRA government. The victory of the revolution of Afghanistan's workers is certain, because the majority of the people support it.

The feudalists, monarchists, oppressors, murderers and robbers, thieves, ignorant deceived persons, money-worshipers, devilish reactionaries, renegades who are traitors to the homeland, and people who have links with the satanic U.S. imperialism and its war-mongering allies, with the heretical hegemonists of China, with the militarist U.S. puppet regime of Pakistan, with the ruling medieval circles of Iran, with Arab regimes dependent on the United States, such as Egypt and Saudi Arabia, who mercilessly toss the great wealth of the Muslim Arab masses into the jaws of the Zionist Israelis and into the pockets of the Western capitalist monopolies who plunder them — all of them in one black barbaric front have adopted a stance against the freedom and independence of Afghanistan. Hostile, they continue their unjust war against our just revolution and directly and indirectly desire to disrupt the revolution. They are striving to create obstacles against its progress, and to prevent the restoration of peace and security which are the immediate demand of our people.

The workers of Afghanistan do not for even one moment fear the barbarous war of the enemies of the revolution and the independence and freedom of their country. They will fight to the end until the final victory and until the defeat or surrender of the enemies of Afghanistan.

Our compatriots in the villages and cities demonstrate each day through meetings, jergas, and in thousands of letters to the PDPA, Revolutionary Council, and the DRA Government their courage and unwavering and total readiness to defend the gains of the April revolution.

The DRA party, state and government utilize every opportunity to maintain peace and security in the country. However, what should be done? How can we prevent the infiltartion of counter-revolutionary elements from Pakistan, Iran, and China and stop U.S. imperialism?

In our indirect talks with the representative of the regime of Ziaul Haq through the UN secretary general's envoy, we are pursuing a policy of total flexibility and, though a small step, we consider it a beneficial step forward.

Let us, however, according to the will of the people of revolutionary Afghanistan, on this day of festival of the Muslims of the world, ask Mr Ziaul Haq, who speaks of Islam, and ask the

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*Khamene'i Visit to Syria* — President 'Ali Khamene'i led a delegation to Damascus to hold talks with his Syrian counterpart Hafiz al-Asad, Damascus radio reported. Participating in the meeting were the two countries' foreign ministers, Revolution Guards Corps Minister Mohsen Rafiqdaust, and Syrian Vice Presidents 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam and Zuhayr Mashariqah. In remarks cited by IRNA before his departure from Tehran, Khamene'i stated that the talks will center on the Palestinian problem, the war with Iraq, developments in the Persian Gulf and Red Sea areas, and the situation in Lebanon.

*Id-e Qorban Speeches* — In his morning sermon at Tehran University on the occasion of Id-e Qorban, Khamene'i reiterated that peace with Iraq is "unimaginable" as long as Iraqi leader Saddam Husayn remains in power, IRNA reported. He stated that the Eastern and Western "warmonger powers" have realized that Husayn cannot win an "expansionist war" against Iran. Meanwhile, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni told a group of religious, political, and military leaders in a speech broadcast by Tehran radio that some "very stupid and very cunning" mullahs have insulted the Shi'ite faith and imams in order to generate disunity. Khomeyni also expressed the hope that the "great demonstrations and powerful slogans" that were present in Mecca this year will happen again each year.

*Deputy Foreign minister Returns* — Deputy Foreign Minister Hoseyn Sheykh ol-Eslam returned to Tehran on 5 September after a visit to the GDR, Tehran radio reported. Sheykh ol-Eslam had a brief stopover in Prague, where he met with his CSSR counterpart, the radio added.

### Libya

Referring to the present maneuvers by the U.S. 6th Fleet in the Gulf of Sidra, Tripoli radio affirmed that the "treacherous and flagrant aggression" through the "terroristic military exercises" is meant to force the Libyan people to yield to U.S. designs. The radio pointed out that Libya's territorial waters are "worth dying for," and that the country's "huge military force" is "not for parades but for fighting and for waging war." The radio reiterated that some units of the Libyan Armed Forces have been put on alert status "in preparation for the battles of freedom and dignity."

### Saudi Arabia

Interior Minister Prince Nayif stated that this year's pilgrimage plan was a "complete success," and he denied that there were any incidents that interrupted the peace inside the Grand Mosque in Mecca, SPA reported. Some "irresponsible actions" did take place outside the mosque, the prince admitted, but the problems were settled immediately.

### Lebanon

The ambassador to the United Nations expressed his country's "profound regret" on 7 September over the U.S. veto in the UN Security Council of Lebanon's "humanitarian complaint" against Israeli actions in the south, and Prime Minister Karami said he was "shocked" by the veto Beirut radio reported.

### Israel

Following a meeting between Alignment leader Shim'on Peres and Likud leader Prime Minister Yitzhaq Shamir, Peres stated that the composition of the new cabinet had been agreed upon and that he hopes to present the government at the end of next week, Jerusalem radio reported. However, Shamir maintained that there are still some problems that must be solved and that the two leaders will meet again next week, the radio added.

### Pakistan-Afghanistan

Pakistani Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Ali Khan returned to Islamabad on 5 September from the UN-sponsored indirect talks with Afghanistan in Geneva, Karachi radio reported. Ali Khan disclosed to newsmen upon his arrival that informal consultations will continue before the next round of talks in Geneva in February, the radio added. He stated that the talks centered on four major points: withdrawal of foreign troop international guarantees, return of Afghan refugees, and bilateral guarantees for nonintervention and noninterference. Ali Khan also disclosed that he will visit Iran on 11 September to hold talks with his Iranian counterpart.

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*LD062147 Kabul BAKHTAR in Dari 1245 GMT 6 Sep 84*

[Text] Kabul, 6 Sep (BAKHTAR) — The incident of a bomb explosion at the Kabul International Airport terminal, which resulted in the death and injury of a number of civilians including old men and children, has provoked the indignation of our heroic people and all progressive and peaceful people of the world.

These criminal actions and undeclared waragainst our people and the gains of the April revolution have been carried on for 6 years by counterrevolutionary bands, trained in Pakistan with help from the most aggressive militarist forces headed by Chinese hegemonism and the United States. The leaders of the counterrevolutionary bands in Peshawar do not hide the execution of this shameful action, but with happiness speakclearly and openly of such criminal actions against our revolutionary people.

What is the stand of Pakistan, which has put its soil at the disposal of the enemies of our people? The Pakistani militarists consistently claim that their assistance to the so-called mujahidin of Islam is limited to humanitarian aid. The essence of this so-called humanitarian assistance and the mission of Pakistan in connection with the Afghan counterrevolutionaries is not only the fomenting of serious interference inside Afghanistan. It has established more than 100 camps on the Afghanistan border for the military training of the enemies of our revolution. These camps, and there are more every day, exist as military camps under the Pakistani Army; they are the staging areas for undeclared war and military interference against our people by the counterrevolution and its masters, that is, international and regional reaction.

It is clear that these camps are under the complete administration of U.S., Pakistani, and Chinese instructors. Some 40,000 bandits are trained in them. This is the result of Islamabad's so-called humanitarian assistance to the counterrevolutionaries, which has resulted in the destruction of hundreds of schools, roads and buildings.

The tragic incident of Kabul International Airport is another proof of this so-called humanitarian aid.

The Afghan counterrevolutionaries, in collusion with the militarists of Pakistan and their imperialist and regional guardians, by these sinister actions, want to deprive the people of Afghanistan of their revolutionary gains. However, their vain designs as always, will be condemned to defeat.

## Mujahidin Leader on Soviet Aims

*GF041824 Lahore NAWA-E WAQT in Urdu 31 Aug 84 Magazine Supplement p 2*

["Exclusive" interview with Mowlana Nasrollah Mansur, president of the Harkat-e Enqelab-e Eslami and "secretary general of seven Afghan mujahidin organizations," by unidentified correspondent in Islamabad — date not given]

[Excerpts] Question: What do you think will be the future of the Afghan war — that is, what will be the outcome?

Answer: This is an ideological war and no one knows how long it will last. The Soviet Union's objective is not merely to usurp Afghanistan. It is an ideological and military power, and it plans to move ahead after Afghanistan. But this, of course, will take a lot of time.

Question: Could you elaborate on that?

Answer: If the Soviet Union planned to occupy Afghanistan only, it could shorten the war by shedding the blood of the inhabitants, making the women widows and the children orphans, and by burning the fields and orchards. However, despite doing just that, it is still prolonging the war. The fact is that the Soviet Union's aim is to acquire the vast green areas of Pakistan, the oil and gas resources of Iran, and the oilwells in the Gulf area. In order to achieve this major objective it is using a large part of its strength.

Under these circumstances, it is for the Muslim countries to decide where to stop this war, that is, at the Afghan border, the Pakistan border, or in the Gulf. We personally think that Afghanistan is the best place for halting the war because its natural terrain, with high mountains and forests, is more conductive to our preventing the war from spreading. Such an area is not to be found in any other Islamic country.

Question: Can you be successful all by yourselves on this front?

Answer: The Soviet Union enjoys the support of all communist countries such an Libya, Syria, the PDRY, SRV, Cuba, GDR, and so forth, and all of them are ready to assist the Soviets. Hence, all those countries which support us should remain on the alert to assist us. Journalists should use the power of the pen generously and should proclaim to the world that we are not alone. God willing, the Soviets will be defeated and the mujahidin will be successful. In 5 years of war, we have observed that the more force the Soviet Union uses, the greater is its defeat, because the war is continuing and the mujahidin are gaining more experience.

Question: The mujahidin have set up many organizations and even have some differences among themselves. Why do they not unite under one command?

Answer: The early governments in Afghanistan fanned various social differences which created rifts in our ranks. But now we are trying to eliminate those differences. Whatever tribes the mujahidin may belong to, whatever dialects they may speak, their cause is one; and even now most of them are under the same commander. What is heartening is that in Afghanistan, the command for the holy war is in the hands of the clergymen, and hence their aim and ideology is the same. These persons are so strong that they are eliciting the union of the people by eradicating differences. The Soviets realize this, and it is this strength of the clergy that is impeding their success.

Question: Do you think that the Soviet Union could also use India for its ulterior motives?

Answer: It is a very old ruse of the Soviets to use India for attaining its own ends. It will try to create internal unrest and

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### Plane Hijacking

Iraq has granted political asylum to two men and their three family members after they hijacked an Iran Air Boeing-727 on 8 September, AFP reported. The men had hijacked the plane during an Iranian internal flight, forcing it to stop over in Bahrain and Egypt before landing in Iraq on 9 September, INA noted. The hijackers, who are members of a group led by former Iranian Prime Minister Shahpur Bakhtiar according to MENA, stated at a news conference in Baghdad reported by INA that they took their action to highlight the "oppression of the Iranian regime." They also denied reports that passengers were injured during the hijacking. Iran Air claimed in a communique cited by IRNA that the hijackers were supporters of "international Zionism" who were attempting to overshadow Iran's moves to oust Israel from the United Nations and overshadow the visit to Damascus by Iranian President 'Ali Khamene'i.

### Iran

*Khamene'i Tour* — The delegation led by President Khamene'i arrived in Algiers on 9 September on a "working and friendship" visit, Algiers radio reported. The delegation had departed Damascus for Sidra the day before, where meetings were then held with Libyan leaders, JANA noted. Foreign Minister 'Ali Akbar Velayati stated that the "very useful" talks in Libya centered on developments in North Africa and the Middle East, IRNA disclosed. The two sides agreed "in principle" to strengthen their "anti-imperialist" cooperation, the agency added. A joint Iranian-Syrian statement on 8 September broadcast by Damascus television and Tehran radio emphasized that the talks in Damascus were held in an "atmosphere of brotherhood, friendship, and understanding"; and centered on "Zionist aggression," the Iraq-Iran war, and the Lebanese situation. Concerning the war with Iraq, the two sides agreed that Iran should continue its "defensive fighting" until the fall of Iraq's Saddam Husayn, IRNA added. Among the meetings in Damascus, the commander of Iran's land forces was received by Syrian Defense Minister Mustafa Talas, Tehran radio noted.

*Khomeyni Comments* — Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni told a group of organizing committee members on 9 September that he "rejected any compromise" in the war with Iraq, according to IRNA. Any such compromise would "bury Islam," he added. Referring to the recent hijacking of an Iranian airliner, he stated that it was not an "important" subject because hijackings occur throughout the world and are easily accomplished.

### Iraq

Foreign Minister Tariq 'Aziz returned to Baghdad on 6 September following visits to France and the FRG, Baghdad Voice of the Masses radio reported.

### Lebanon

*Iranian, Syrian Contacts* — An Iranian Foreign Ministry delegation was received in Tripoli on 7 September by Islamic Unification Movement leader Shaykh Sa'id Sha'ban, the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon reported. Sha'ban accompanied the Iranians to Damascus the following day, where he met with Khamene'i, according to Radio Monte Carlo. Sha'ban also met with Iranian Foreign Minister Velayati, Tehran radio's international service added. While in Damascus, Sha'ban was received by Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad on 9 September, Damascus radio noted; and he held a lengthy meeting with rival Democratic Party Secretary General Na'ib al-Khatib, Radio Monte Carlo Disclosed. During his stay in Damascus, Khamene'i also received Mufti Hasan Khalid on 8 September, Beirut radio reported; while IRNA noted his meeting with a delegation from the Ba'labakk and Al-Biqa' districts. In his fourth visit to Damascus in a week, Minister Walid Junblatt met with Syrian Vice President 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam on 9 September, Voice of Lebanon radio noted.

In a related development, the commander of the Iranian Revolution Guards Corps inspected Iranian gunmen's positions in Ba'labakk on 8 September, Voice of Lebanon reported. A Lebanese diplomatic source cited by the clandestine Voice of Arab Lebanon radio later denied a Radio Free Lebanon report that Khamene'i also visited Ba'labakk the same day. The source said the second visitor was the Iranian land forces commander.

*Israeli Air Raid* — The Israeli Air Force scored "accurate hits" in an attack on the DFLP "headquarters" in Bhamdun on 10 September, according to the IDF spokesman cited by Jerusalem radio. A Lebanese security source cited by Radio Free Lebanon stated that the raid killed one person and wounded one other.

*Birri, Islamic Jihad Threats* — Minister Nabih Birri stated at a rally on 9 September that he will boycott Cabinet sessions and that he has issued orders to carry out "suicide attempts" against Israeli forces, the clandestine Voice of the Mountain radio reported. In a related development, the Islamic Jihad group has threatened to attack a "key American interest" in the Middle East, AFP noted. The group stated in a telephone call to a "foreign" news agency that their members were prepared to "sacrifice their lives" to destroy a U.S. or "Zionist institution, even of secondary importance."

### Maghreb

Morocco has decided to abolish entry visas as of 10 September for Algerian citizens entering Morocco, Rabat radio reported.

### Afghanistan

Prime Minister Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand returned to Kabul on 7 September after a "short visit" to the Soviet Union, Kabul radio reported.

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### Keshtmand Home After Short Visit to USSR

*LD071617 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1533 GMT 7 Sep 84*

[Text] Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand, member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and chairman of the DRA Council of Ministers, who had gone to Soviet Union for a short visit, returned to Kabul this morning.

He was welcomed at Kabul airport by Najibollah, member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo, a deputy prime minister, and several members of the Council of Ministers, the deputy minister of foreign affairs, and the USSR ambassador in Kabul.

### Interior Ministry Announces Curfew Extension

*LD081740 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1530 GMT 8 Sep 84*

[Text] Announcement by the Interior Ministry:

Residents of Kabul are informed that night curfew will be in effect from 2200 to 0400, and are respectfully asked to observe night curfew during this period.

### BAKHTAR on 'Bandit Ringleaders' Press Conference

*LD091035 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0421 GMT 9 Sep 84*

[Text] Kabul, September 8, BAKHTAR — A political observer of BIA writes:

Gulbuddin Hikmatyar and Burhaniddin Rabbani, the ringleaders of two Afghan counter-revolutionary groupings which are at daggers drawn, have told a recent press-conference in Peshawar that they were ready to "bury their former differences".

"If we can solve the problem of dispute among groups, we will have solved the biggest problem facing the resistance", said Hikmatyar who is more often than others charged with fanning clashes. Rabbani also said something like that, giving to understand that like Hikmatyar, he was going to contribute to the unification of the counter-revolutionary forces.

The farce performed by the bandit ringleaders even for Western newsmen made doubt their peace-loving sentiments. [sentence as received] True enough, the history of relations between Hikmatyar and Rabbani and among other counter-revolutionary leaders at that proves that they would sooner bury each other than their mutual hostility. Like the ringleaders of U.S. mafia, they are unable to unite, but can only maintain a shaky armistice which is thrown to the winds each time the distribution of the loot begins.

Just like mafiosi, the Afghan "mujahidin" are guided by profit and selfishness instead of "ideological and political motives" in their "dissensions". And they can only solve their "disagreements" by assassinating the rivals.

In spite of the American CIA's efforts over many years to knock up a "united front" of Afghan counter-revolutionary forces, their bickering grows more energetic with the increase in allocations for the undeclared war against the Democratic Afghanistan. Now the CIA would like to create at least a semblance of unity. And this explains why Hikmatyar and Rabbani have performed their show in Peshawar, for they had to dance to the U.S. tune.

The two-bandit show was timed for another round of the Afghan-Pakistani talks held in Geneva through the mediation of Diego Cordovez who represents the UN secretary general. It is no mere coincidence that Wshington, famous for its negative attitude to the Afghan-Pakistani dialogue, wanted to remind all and sundry about the existence of the Afghan counter-revolutionary thugs, and hint at their possible unification. This is an open attempt to complicate the talks on Afghanistan which are aimed at normalizing the situation in south-west Asia.

### Recent Successful Anti-Rebel Operations Noted

*LD081921 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1544 GMT 8 Sep 84*

[Text] The country's courageous security forces daily crush more rebels — those enemies of the people's tranquility and prosperity — and clear villages and hamlets from the evil existence of these criminals.

A responsible source of the security forces reports that nine counterrevolutionary elements were recently captured in the environs of Parwan Province as a result of successful operations by the brave security forces of the country.

Seven anti-tank and anti-personnel mines, 20 assorted weapons, 9 hand grenades, 4,463 rounds of ammunition, and a quantity of anti-government leaflets proving the links of the band with the sell-out elements abroad, were seized from these criminals by the security forces.

As a result of other operations by the security forces in Bamian Province, a number of the armed counterrevolutionaries were crushed.

According to another report, as a result of the successful operations of the country's security forces mounted in Chahar Deh district, Konduz Province, a number of the counterrevolutionary elements were crushed and a quantity of their weapons and ammunition were destroyed.

As a result of the successful operations mounted in the environs of Takhar Province a number of the armed counterrevolutionaries were crushed and six of them were arrested.

According to another report, as a result of the operations of the security forces in the environs of Jowzjan Province, five counterrevolutionary elements were captured; one of these criminals was wearing woman's clothing to carry out his evil deeds.

As a result of the successful operations by the security forces in Paktia Province, 5 enemy hand grenades, 16 mortar shells, 5 rocket launcher's shells, 8 anti-tank and anti-personnel mines, 2,100 rounds of assorted ammunition and 2 of their hideouts were destroyed.

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### Gulf Conflict

*Attack on Vessel* — The Iraqi Air Force scored a "direct hit" on a "large maritime target" during a "successful" attack south of Khark Island, according to an Iraqi military communique broadcast by Baghdad radio.

*Hijacked Planes* — Iraq will wait until the end of the war with Iran before returning the three aircraft recently flown from Iran to Iraq, an Iraqi spokesman told AFP. Iraqi Information Minister Latif Nusayyif Jasim, on the other hand, stated at a press conference reported by Radio Monte Carlo that the civilian planes will "never leave" Iraq. Meanwhile, 52 passengers of the most recent hijacking arrived back in Tehran from Cairo on 11 September on board a chartered Lebanese airliner, IRNA reported. The remaining 71 passengers were taken on tours of religious sites in Iraq, INA noted. IRNA claimed that Iraq is trying to force the passengers to stay in Iraq for propaganda purposes.

### Iran-Algeria

Iranian President 'Ali Khamene'i and his delegation left Algiers after a 2-day "working and friendship visit," during which he met with his Algerian counterpart Chadli Bendjedid, Algiers radio reported. During his stay in Algiers, Khamene'i also held talks with Algerian Prime Minister Abdelhamid Brahimi, Algerian Foreign Minister Ahmed Taleb Ibrahimi, and SDAR President Mohamed Abdelaziz, Tehran radio added.

### Libyan Diplomacy

At the end of his visit to Libya on 9 September, Iranian President Khamene'i stated that Colonel Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi had noted that Iraqi President Saddam Husayn is a "common enemy" of Iran and Libya in the same manner as Iran's shah had been, IRNA reported. In the joint statement broadcast by Tehran radio at the conclusion of Khamene'i's visit, it was announced that Al-Qadhdhafi has accepted an invitation to visit Iran at a time to be announced later.

In a separate development, Foreign Liaison People's Bureau Secretary 'Ali 'Abd al-Salim al-Turayki met with his Syrian counterpart Faruq ash-Shar' and the Algerian health minister in Malta at the ministerial meeting of nonaligned Mediterranean countries, JANA reported.

### Lebanon

*Israeli Air Raid* — The Israeli air raid on a "Fatah opposition position" in Bhamdun killed Major Salim Sulayman Da'ud, Al-'Asifah forces artillery battalion commander, and wounded three others, according to an Al-'Asifah military communique cited by Radio Monte Carlo.

*Damascus Contacts* — The Islamic delegation from Tripoli led by Islamic Unification Movement leader Shaykh Sa'id Sha'ban left Damascus after meeting with Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad, Syrian Vice President 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam, and command members of the rival Tripoli Arab Democratic Party, Radio Monte Carlo reported. Meanwhile, Muhammad Mahdi Shams ad-Din, deputy chairman of the Higher Islamic Shi'ite Council, returned to Beirut after meeting with Iranian President Khamene'i in Damascus, Beirut radio noted.

### Israel

The Labor Party Central Committee voted 394-166 on 10 September in favor of establishing a national unity government with the Likud, Jerusalem radio reported. However, the Labor Party's main partner in the Alignment coalition, MAPAM, voted 400-9 on 9 September to dissolve the partnership and vote against the unity government, the radio noted. In addition, Alignment Knesset member Yosi Sarid defected to the Citizens Rights Movement, which opposes the basic guidelines of the unity government, ITIM disclosed. Among the other parties, the Ometz and Shinuy factions have agreed to join the government as partners with the Alignment, while the Tehiya Party, a Likud partner in the outgoing government coalition, has decided to go into opposition, Jerusalem radio reported.

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## Karmal Calls for Eradication of Illiteracy

*LD110701 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0506 GMT 11 Sep 84*

[Text] Kabul, September 9, BAKHTAR — The process of illiteracy eradication has become a nation-wide national movement in the DRA.

This was stated by Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA CC and president of Revolutionary Council of the DRA, in his message on the occasion of International Day of Literacy.

He added that the party and the state of the DRA firmly believe that without the establishment of cultural and material bases of a new society the cultural revolution cannot be realized. The party and state of the DRA will put into effect the cutlural revolution with due account to be given to the national and historical traditions of the people. For this reason, the state of the DRA pays considerable attention to generalize literacy throughout the country.

It is worth mentioning to point out that despite the destructive actions of the counter-revolution, the state of the DRA has been able to teach literacy to more than one million people since the April revolution 1978.

Eradication of illiteracy forms the infrastructure of cultural revolution and the making of a new moral life. The cultural revolution, Babrak Karmal said, is a gradual process which requires long, rigorous, and organisational work. This is why the PDPA and the state of the DRA attach profound importance to the eradication of illiteracy.

The enemies of Afghanistan have set to fire over 1800 schools and have martyred hundreds of teachers.

President of Revolutionary Council of the DRA called upon all the concerned ministries, state and private organizations of the DRA to consider it their duty to take further part in literacy programs.

## Karmal Receives New Hungarian Ambassador

*LD102238 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 10 Sep 84*

[Text] This morning at 1100 at the headquarters of the Revolutionary Council, Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and president of the DRA Revolutionary Council, received the new ambassador of the People's Republic of Hungary, Dr Gyorgy Varga, for the presentation of his credentials.

At this time Shah Mohammad Dost, minister of foreign affairs; Mohammad Anwar Farzam, secretary of the DRA Revolutionary Council Presidium; and Mohammad Sakhi Daneshjo, deputy foreign affairs minister, were also present.

## Security Forces Defeat Rebels in Provinces

*LD102124 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 10 Sep 84*

[Text] Militant security forces have carried out successful operations in various parts of the country in accordance with the guidance of the 13th PDPA Central Committee plenum and have crushed rebels, those professional murderers, in the villages and hamlets of the country.

As a result of successful operations carried out recently by the vigilant security forces in Herat Province, a number of armed rebels including two of their leaders were crushed and 15 were captured. The security forces seized 35 assorted weapons, a DShK, a large quantity of ammunition, 5 communication sets, and 2 vehicles, and destroyed several hide-outs.

Similarly, as a result of operations in Parwan Province, a number of rebels were crushed; two of the criminals along with 2 DShK's, 29 antitank and antipersonnel mines, and a quantity of weapons and ammunition were captured.

According to another report, a number of rebels were crushed in the course of operations by the vigilant security forces in Balkh Province; 4 of them were captured together with 11 assorted weapons.

As a result of other operations in Nangarhar, Laghman, Jowzjan, Ghazni, Qandahar and Badghisat Provinces by the brave security forces, a number of armed rebels were crushed and 12 of them were captured. The security forces seized 29 assorted weapons, 3 weapons and ammunition stores, and 1 vehicle. They destroyed several hideouts and a quantity of arms and ammunition.

## Two Criminals Executed, One Imprisoned

*LD091934 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 9 Sep 84*

[Text] According to a BAKHTAR correspondent's report, three professional criminals belonging to the Jami'at-e Islami band known as Safdar, son of Halim and an inhabitant of Qal'ch-ye Zal district, Konduz Province; Hgulam Rasul, son of Assadollah and an inhabitant of Hazrat Imam district; and Mawla Gul, son of Fateh Mohammad, were captured with deadly American weapons in Konduz Province by the country's vigilant security forces while engaged in highway robbery and plundering. During an investigation, they confessed to their inhumane crimes committed in our country on the orders of imperialism and reaction.

During the investigation, they confessed that on 21 December 1983, on the orders of the band's ringleader they blocked the road used by vehicles belonging to the Spin Zar Company [an Afghan cotton company] in Dasht-e Sher Mahi, Konduz Province. They attacked the convoy with rocket-launchers and (?light) weapons. The brave security forces launched a counterattack and captured the robbers after armed resistance lasting 1/2 hour. Their leader

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### Gulf Conflict

Iraq launched a "successful air strike" against two "maritime targets" south of Khark Island, according to an Iraqi military communique broadcast by Baghdad radio. The Manama paper *GULF DAILY NEWS* confirmed that the Liberian tanker *Saint Tobias* was struck during an Iraqi air attack, but did not mention a second vessel. No monitored Iranian sources have been observed to report any recent attacks in the Gulf area.

### Iran

President 'Ali Khamene'i returned with his delegation from a trip to Syria, Libya, and Algeria, Tehran radio reported. Khamene'i met with Majlis speaker 'Ali Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani to inform him of the details of his trip, the radio added. Khamene'i also met with Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni, IRNA noted. After returning with the delegation, Foreign Minister 'Ali Akbar Velayati received his Pakistani counterpart Sahabzada Yaqub Ali Khan, Tehran radio reported. In a separate meeting, the industries minister received his visiting Syrian counterpart to discuss industrial cooperation, IRNA noted.

### Syria

Defense Minister Mustafa Talas stated in an interview published by *DER SPIEGEL* on 10 September that Vice President Rifa't al-Asad is "persona non grata forever" in Syria, and that if the vice president had not gone abroad, the "Army would have struck." Talas also disclosed that the Soviet Union has agreed to provide Syria with nuclear weapons if Israel uses such weapons. "We would even risk our lives to gain possession" of nuclear weapons that could reach Israel, he added. Meanwhile, Vice President al-Asad has returned to Geneva after a brief visit to Paris, according to reliable sources cited by AFP. An official spokesman for Al-Asad cited by Radio Monte Carlo noted that he is in Geneva for "health reasons" and that he will return to Syria "very soon." The spokesman added that in a contact with Al-Asad, Talas denounced the "forged facts" presented by *DER SPIEGEL*.

### Afghanistan

President Babrak Karmal and Prime Minister Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand held separate meetings with USSR Deputy Premier Ziya Nuriyev, who is participating in a joint commission for economic cooperation, Kabul radio reported.

### Israel

The Central Committee of the ruling Herut party voted to approve the proposed national unity government and outgoing Prime Minister Yitzhaq Shamir's list of ministerial portfolios, Jerusalem radio reported. In a related development, the National Religious Party Directorate endorsed the party's participation in the national unity government, ITIM noted. The Knesset will convene on 13 September to discuss the establishment of the new government, Jerusalem radio disclosed.

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*LD111654 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 11 Sep 84*

[Text] At the headquarters of the Revolutionary Council this morning Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and president of the DRA Revolutionary Council, received Ziya Nuriyevich Nuriyev, member of the CPSU Central Committee and deputy chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers, who is leading a delegation which has arrived in Kabul.

During the meeting, which was held in a friendly and cordial atmosphere, the two sides discussed the expansion and growth of fraternal relations between the DRA and the USSR. They also discussed economic, scientific and technical cooperation between the two countries.

Ziya Nuriyevich Nuriyev today also met with Soltan Ali Keshtmand, member of the Central Committee PDPA politburo and chairman of the DRA Council of Ministers, at the headquarters of the Council of Ministers. During these meetings Fikryat Akhmadzhanovic Tabeyev, ambassador of the USSR in Kabul, was also present.

The Soviet delegation led by Ziya Nuriyevich Nuriyev, member of the CPSU Central Committee and deputy chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers, arrived in Kabul today to attend the fourth session of the permanent commission for Afghan-Soviet economic cooperation.

At Kabul International Airport the delegation was welcomed by Soltan Ali Keshtmand, member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and chairman of the Council of Ministers; Sarwar Mangal, deputy chairman of the Council of Ministers and chairman of the State Planning Committee; a number of government officials; and the Soviet ambassador in Kabul.

### Land Title Deeds Distributed in Samangan Province

*LD102327 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 9 Sep 84*

[Text] In continuation of democratic land and water reform, land title deeds were distributed to 45 people of Kargarakzadi village, Hazrat-e Soltan subdistrict, Samangan Province.

During a ceremony held in this village, Sayd Nbasim Mayhanparast, candidate member of the PDPA Central Committee and head of the northern zone, spoke about the importance of reform and just distribution of land and water allocations. A peasant from the locality expressed thanks for the attention the party and state is paying to the comfort and prosperity of workers. He promised total readiness to implement the state's progressive programs.

### Groups of Deceived Patriots Join Revolution

*LD110635 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 10 Sep 84*

[Text] According to a report, a number of our fellow patriots who for some time were deceived by hostile propaganda of the murdering rebel bands and were linked with them, now repent of their past deeds. Utilizing the DRA Revolutionary Council Presidium's general amnesty decree, they have surrendered to the security forces. In order to compensate for their past actions, and bringing their weapons with them, they are joining the ranks of the defenders of the gains of the April revolution.

Quoting a responsible security force source, a BIA correspondent reports from Herat Province that 72 of our deceived compatriots who had belonged to the bands of rebels surrendered themselves and their weapons to the security forces of that province.

To compensate for their past deeds, they promised to play their role of fighters to the end of their lives by crushing the bands.

Also another 10 deceived people surrendered to the security forces in Badakhshan and Jowzjan Provinces, also bringing their weapons.

According to another report, a 12-man group led by Gulbuddin, who was active in the Karez village, Qarabagh district, Kabul Province, in the interest of the Gulbuddin band and realizing the lofty aims of the PDPA and the aspirations of the revolution, surrendered to the security forces . They brought with them11 assorted weapons, 1 rocket launcher, 2 pistols, and a quantity of other equipment. They promised that to the end of their lives they will work for the interest of the people and our revolutionary homeland, Afghanistan.

### Rebels, Weapons Captured in Provinces

*LD112054 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 11 Sep 84*

[Text] Quoting a responsible source of the security forces in Parwan Province, a BIA correspondent reports that as a result of a successful operation carried out recently by the brave security forces in the villages of that province, a number of rebels were crushed. Four of these lunatics were captured; 1 DShK, 46 antitank and antipersonnel mines, 29 assorted weapons, together with 21,500 rounds of ammunition, and a number of antistate documents proving their shameless links with imperialist countries, were seized from them.

Also, during operations in the villages of Nimroz, Paktia, and Kabul Provinces, a number of armed rebels who were disrupting the peaceful life of the noble people of those localities, were crushed. Several of them were captured and a quantity of assorted weapons and equipment were seized from them. Several store-rooms and hiding places belonging to them were destroyed.

According to a report from Jowzjan Province, during a successful operation carried out recently by the vigilant security forces in

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Iraqi naval units "accurately and effectively" hit a "medium-sized maritime target" leaving the Iranian Nowruz oil fields, Baghdad Voice of the Masses radio reported citing an Iraqi military spokesman. The attack followed two earlier ones on the same day reported by Baghdad radio. In the first, Iraqi naval forces "hit and destroyed" four "hostile maritime targets" near Bandar-e Khomeyni port, according to an Iraqi military communique broadcast by the radio. In the second attack, the Iraqi Air Force carried out a "successful air strike" against a "maritime target" near Khark Island, according to an Iraqi military spokesman's statement broadcast by the radio. None of the attacks have been mentioned by monitored Iranian media.

### Iran

*Hijacking foiled* — Four "terrorists" attempting to hijack an internal flight were defeated by "preplanned measures," Tehran radio reported. The four were arrested after two of them were wounded in the incident, the radio added. The would-be hijackers later declared that they were members of the "outlawed" Mojahedin-e Khalq group, IRNA noted. Meanwhile, a government spokesman stated that Iraq's intention not to return any hijacked planes is an "overt contravention" of international laws and encourages "terrorism and kidnapping and disturbing the peace," Tehran radio reported. The spokesman criticized international organizations for their laxity in confronting Iraq's actions.

*Diplomacy* — Pakistani Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Ali Khan departed Tehran at the end of his 2-day visit, during which he met with the prime minister, foreign minister, Majlis speaker, and other high-ranking officials, IRNA reported.

### Lebanon

*Cabinet Meeting* — The Cabinet decided at its meeting to hold "conclaves" between various ministers, Prime Minister Rashid Karami announced in a statement broadcast by Beirut radio. The conclaves will begin in Bikfayya on 17 September, and will have an "open agenda" that includes all political and security issues, Karami added.

*IDF Deaths* — An IDF soldier was killed and another wounded in an attack near An-Nabatiyah, Jerusalem radio reported,citing the IDF spokesman. In a related development, another IDF soldier died from wounds sustained in an attack on 10 September near the eastern town of Maghdushah, the radio noted.

### Israel

Alignment leader Shim'on Peres and Likud leader Prime Minister Yitzhaq Shamir "successfully" completed negotiations, and the coalition agreement establishing a national unity government will be presented to the Knesset on 13 September, Jerusalem radio reported. In a related development, the Alignment's Shlomo Hilel was elected Knesset speaker by a 60-46 vote, the radio noted.

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### Kabul Reception Welcomes Ziya Nuriyev

*LD122324 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1530 GMT 12 Sep 84*

[Excerpt] A reception was given this evening in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs by the DRA Council of Ministers in honor of Ziya Nuriyevich Nuriyev, member of CPSU Central Committee and vice chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers.

Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand, member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and chairman of the DRA Council of Ministers, some members of the Politburo and Secretariat of the party's Central Committee, some members of the Central Committee, vice chairmen and members of the DRA Council of Ministers, some high-ranking party and government officials, and Fikryat Akhmadzhanovic Tabeyev, the USSR ambassador in Kabul, took part in the reception.

Ziya Nuriyevich Nuriyev, who has come to Kabul at the head of a delegation, visited the construction work of the Central Committee's new social science institute installations this morning to see its progress.

### Counterrevolutionaries Fighting Among Themselves

*LD121629 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 12 Sep 84*

[Text] The inhuman actions and foul aims of the counterrevolutionary elements have prepared grounds for extensive hostilities and clashes. Even efforts by the militarists and reaction, headed by U.S. imperialism, to bring about a consensus among the counterrevolutionary bands' leaders and to prevent such hostilities and clashes have failed because their faces are completely exposed and their intentions are known. The bands and groups are at each others' throats, murdering and terrorizing one another.

On the 11th of the current month [as heard], members of the band of Gulbuddin exploded a bomb in a bus carrying members of the so-called three group alliance [Gaylani, Mojadedi, and Mohammadi], as a result of which 14 members of the band were killed and a number of others were wounded.

According to another report, discontent among the tribal people against the Pakistani militarists is on the increase. For example, a few days ago the tribal people in Mero and Hayder Abad set fire to a number of motor vehicles in condemnation of the treatment of their leaders by the Pakistani Government. A number of people were injured in the incident.

### Pakistan 'Military Machine' Aids Afghan Rebels

*LD120535 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0421 GMT 12 Sep 84*

[Text] Kabul, September 11, BAKHTAR — A political observer of BIA writes:

The relations of the military regime of Pakistan with the DRA and its people are based on unfair activities of fanning up the undeclared war of counter-revolutionary, international imperialism and regional reaction against the DRA. Islamabad tries hard to accuse peace-loving Afghanistan of increasing tension in the region.

There are plenty and undeniable facts in this sphere, one of which is the adventuristic and baseless hues and cries of the Pakistani military regime, which was clearly staged before the beginning of the periodical talks of Geneva for finding a political solution of the issues around Afghanistan, claiming as if the residential localities of Pakistan has become the target of the artillery of the DRA.

The main aim of such hues and cries is fully clear. It is aimed to shift the responsibility of the existing tensions in the region from their shoulders to ours.

Under such circumstances the territory of Pakistan is used [words indistinct] of misleading propaganda by Washington, Beijing, Islamabad against the DRA. Its territory is also used for the installation of the camps of Afghan counterrevolutionary bands. These bandits are given military training for using up-to-date weapons including heavy weapons, the use of which are banned by the United Nations.

For instance, two new training centres of counterrevolutionaries were set up in Srabgodh and Abbas (Ghondi) in addition to the already established tens of such centres and camps of Jallal Zai and Azak Khail in Teri Matan, (Gaherat), Bolam Khan, Burma (Zormat Baghore) and other regions in the spring of the current Afghan year begun March 20, 1984. In every one of these obnoxious nests of counter-revolution, thousands of wicked and destructive elements are being trained by the notorious hands of foreign instructors as well as Pakistanis.

For example, about two thousand counter-revolutionaries are being given military training in Machak camp and four thousand of them in Shahi Bagh camp.

But it is not enough for counter-revolution and their backers. The military regime of Pakistan in manifesting its special interest to the sworn enemies of Afghan people, is putting at their disposal the service of its military machine.

The best proof of the ever-increasing joint efforts between the counter-revolutionary groupings entrenched in the territory of Pakistan and the Armed Forces of Pakistani military regime is the transferring of about twenty arms and ammunition dumps of Pakistani Armed Forces to the counter-revolution. Moreover, another vivid example in this sphere is the direct training of a number of groups of the counter-revolution in the framework of the Armed Forces of Pakistan.

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### Israel

The Knesset voted 98-18 in favor of the new national unity government, Knesset Speaker Shlomo Hilel announced in a statement broadcast by IDF radio. In his address to the Knesset broadcast by Jerusalem radio, Prime Minister-designate Shim'on Peres stated that the new government was "born out of divisiveness" and faces many challenges in the economic, security, and political fields. The main security goal will be to "secure the well-being" of the Galilee settlements and the return of Israeli soldiers from Lebanon, he noted. He appealed to all Israel's neighbors, particularly Jordan's King Husayn, to join in "real and serious" peace negotiations, and he expressed the desire to "improve and deepen" the relationship with Egypt. Furthermore, he called on the Soviet Union to resume its diplomatic relations. Finally, Peres announced the composition of the new Cabinet, which has been expanded to 25 ministers.

### Iran

"Weakness and need" is not the reason for the delay in Iran's promised offensive against Iraq, Majlis Speaker 'Ali Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani told combatants in a speech reported by Tehran radio. Iran is making "meticulous" preparations for "serious action" in order to shorten the duration of the war and minimize casualties on both sides, he explained. The Majlis speaker also said that President 'Ali Khamene'i's recent visit to Syria, Libya, and Algeria enabled "us" to confront an unspecified "personality" who has sought to divide Arabs from Persians and Sunnis from Shi'ites.

### Postponement of Red Sea Conference

The conference of Red Sea littoral states scheduled to begin in Khartoum on 16 September has been postponed because some countries asked for more time to prepare for the meeting, the Sudanese Foreign Ministry disclosed in a statement carried by SUNA. Ethiopian and PDRY officials expressed support for the postponement of the conference in remarks cited by Addis Ababa radio, asserting that "the necessary preparations and negotiations" should be completed before the meeting is held.

### Lebanon

*Military Talks With Syria* — Talks began in Beirut between a Syrian delegation led by Army Deputy Chief of Staff Major General 'Ali Aslan and a Lebanese delegation led by Army Commander General Michael 'Awn, Beirut radio reported. They will discuss implementation of the mountain security plan.

*Phalangist Leaders* — Dr Elie Karamah was elected as the new leader of the Phalange Party, Dr George Sa'adah was elected as the deputy leader, and Joseph Sa'adah was reappointed its secretary general, Voice of Lebanon radio announced.

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## Economic Cooperation Talks Held With USSR

*LD131812 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 13 Sep 84*

[Text] The fourth session of the Permanent Commission for Afghan-Soviet Economic Cooperation was held in Kabul 11-13 September. The Afghan delegation was led by Sarwar Mangal, deputy prime minister and chairman of the DRA Planning Committee; and the Soviet delegation was led by Ziya Nuriyevich Nuriyev, member of the CPSU Central Committee and deputy chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers.

The Soviet delegation was received by Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and president of the DRA Revolutionary Council; and by Prime Minister Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand. The work of the commission was held in an atmosphere of friendship and complete understanding.

The Afghan-Soviet commission assessed the implementation of decisions taken earlier and appraised specific matters regarding the consolidation and expansion of commercial and economic relations between the DRA and the Soviet Union.

The commission studied the implementation of joint responsibilities set out in the long-term agreement concerning the exchange of goods for 1981-85 and the protocol concerning the exchange of goods for 1984, and stated with complete confidence that in general the responsibilities of both sides during the past years were successfully realized.

The commission paid special attention to questions related to economic and technical cooperation in the spheres of agriculture and irrigation, fuels and energy, transportation and communication, light industries and consumer goods, mines surveying, and the training of national cadres.

A Bia correspondent reports that a protocol on the fourth session of the Permanent Commission for Afghan-Soviet Economic Cooperation was signed this afternoon at the Council of Ministers headquarters.

The protocol was signed for the Afghan side by Sarwar Mangal, deputy prime minister and chairman of the DRA State Planning Committee, head of the Afghan delegation to the commission; and for the Soviet side by Ziya Nuriyevich Nuriyev, member of the CPSU Central Committee, deputy chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers and head of the Soviet delegation to the commission. The documents were exchanged. The signing ceremony was attended by Prime Minister Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand.

According to the protocol, the Soviet Union will give all-round and comprehensive assistance to the DRA in the areas of agriculture and irrigation, industries, mines and energy, transportation and communication, construction, planning, and the training of cadres, and in socioeconomic areas. The protocol envisages that the volume of trade between the Soviet Union and the DRA will be increased further. Also during this session, tasks entrusted to joint Afghan-Soviet establishments during the third session of the commission were positively assessed. According to another report, an agreement on credit for consumer goods amounting to R100 million for 1985-90 was signed this afternoon between the DRA Ministry of Commerce and the USSR Ministry of Foreign Trade. The relevant documents were exchanged.

The agreement was signed by Mohammad Khan Jalalar, DRA minister of commerce, and by Ivan Timofeyevich Grishin, USSR deputy minister of foreign trade. Present at the ceremony were: Prime Minister Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand; deputy prime minister Sarwar Mangal, chairman of the DRA State Planning Committee; Ziya Nuriyevich Nuriyev, member of the CPSU Central Committee and deputy chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers; and F.A. Tabeyev, Soviet ambassador to Kabul.

According to the agreement, the Soviet Union will assist Afghanistan by providing a quantity of consumer goods — the list of which was drawn previously — for the coming 5 years. The proceeds from the sale of these consumer goods will finance part of the local expenditure on projects which are being built with the assistance of the Soviet Union.

### Statement by USSR's Nuriyev

*LD132228 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 13 Sep 84*

[Statement by Ziya Nuriyev, vice chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers, to unidentified Kabul radio correspondent on the status of DRA-USSR economic cooperation and its prospects — recorded in Russian with superimposed Dari translation; date not specified]

[Text] According to previous agreement, the fourth session of the commission on economic cooperation between the USSR and the Afghanistan Government was convened between 11-13 September 1984.

The session recalled the successful implementation of the resolutions and recommendations of the third session and approved the work results of the Soviet and Afghan institutions in the duties allotted to them. Discussion was also held about the means for the future development of bilateral commercial and economic relations.

A protocol which was concluded by myself and Sarwar Mangal, vice chairman of the DRA Council of Ministers and head of the State Planning Committee, contains agreements about various issues in relation to the economic, technical, and commercial cooperation between the two countries.

The Soviet Union will continue its cooperation with the DRA in the development of various fields of the economy of the young Republic of Afghanistan, such as energy, fuel industries, construction, agriculture, transport, communications, survey of and extraction from useful mines, and training of national cadres; thus the process of economic cooperation between the Soviet Union and Afghanistan will aid in solving the issues on socio-economic transformations which have been raised since the victory of the Sawr Revolution.

In the DRA, 90 projects have been built and are being utilized as a result of the hard work of Afghanistan's toilers and by the operation of the Soviet Union and now form the foundation of

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### Chad

Libya and France have decided to begin at the "earliest possible time" the "comprehensive and simultaneous withdrawal" of the French Armed Forces and the "Libyan elements" supporting the Transitional National Union Government (GUNT), according to a statement issued in Tripoli and Paris cited by JANA. The withdrawal will begin on 25 September, the statement added. Cheysson's Libyan counterpart.

Reacting to the agreement during a stopover in Paris, Chadian Foreign Minister Lassou Gouara stated in remarks broadcast by Paris radio that Chad was "not involved in the discussions" that led to the agreement, and that its first reaction was one of "surprise." Gouara added that he does not trust Libya and requests "guarantees" that Libyan forces will not return.

A Ndjamena radio commentary emphasized that a Libyan troop withdrawal cannot be "warmly welcomed" by Chad if the decision is not "effectively implemented." Chadians "nurse some doubt" and maintain a "judicious reserve" because Libya's "false pullouts" are an "open secret" and the "contradictory and startling" statements by Libyan leader Colonel Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi on invading Chad are still remembered.

Meanwhile, a GUNT communique broadcast by the clandestine Bardai Chadian National Radio stated that GUNT had been "continually informed" about the Libyan-French discussions regarding the withdrawal of "Libyan elements" and French and Zairian troops. GUNT is "happy" with the agreement, the communique added, because the withdrawal of "French imperialist troops" and "Libyan technicians living in Chad" will allow an "African solution" to the Chadian problem.

### Israel

Seven people, including two Arab inhabitants of the "territories," were wounded by shots fired at the Jerusalem-Hebron bus near Bethlehem, Jerusalem television reported. The IDF subsequently imposed a curfew on Al-Khidr village and Al-Duhayshah refugee camp, Jerusalem radio added. Meanwhile, security forces and demonstrators clashed during several "disturbances" near refugee camps in the territories as Palestinians marked the anniversary of the Sabra and Shatila massacre, the radio noted.

In a separate development, Israeli security forces last month arrested several dozen people belonging to the Muslim Brotherhood in the Gaza Strip, Jerusalem radio disclosed. The group is suspected of organizing attacks on Jews and local Arabs, the radio added.

### Lebanon

The Cabinet ministers have agreed to refrain from making statements that could harm national unity or cause concern among the people, Prime Minister Rashid Karami disclosed in remarks broadcast by Voice of Lebanon radio after the conclusion of the first day of the ministerial "conclave" in Bikfayya. The radio described the agreement as an "honor pact" by which ministers will refrain from "intransigence or outbiddings." Progressive Socialist Party leader Walid Junblatt welcomed the new "code of ethics" in remarks broadcast by the clandestine Voice of the Mountain radio, but he added that it must be implemented "on all levels" and that it will not cancel "our role as an opposition." Junblatt and Amal movement leader Nabih Birri subsequently discussed the results of the conclave with Syrian Vice President 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam in Damascus, Beirut Radio noted.

Meanwhile, new Israeli Defense Minister Yitzhaq Rabin inspected IDF units in southern Lebanon, according to IDF radio.

### French-Jordanian Relations

France is ready to meet all possible Jordanian military needs, French Defense Minister Hernu stated at an Amman press conference reported by the daily *SAWT AL-SHA'B*. Noting that France has missiles similar to the U.S. Stinger, Hernu said that if the Jordanians ask for such weapons, France will not hesitate to supply them.

### Inter-Arab Affairs

*PDRY-Syria* — Before holding lengthy talks with Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad in Damascus, visiting PDRY leader 'Ali Nasir Muhammad stressed that his country will continue to support both Syria and the PLO, Damascus radio reported. He also warned that the "imperialist" military presence in the Red Sea is designed to restore "imperialist hegemony over the Arab region and peddle liquidatory and capitulatory designs."

*PLO-Libya* — PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat has sent Libya's Col al-Qadhdhafi a "very important" message on the Palestine issue and the Arab situation, KUNA disclosed.

### Afghan-Iranian Border Clash

DRA border guards "crushed" Iranian border troops which penetrated 25 km inside Afghan territory on 10 September, BAKHTAR reported, citing a Kabul security source. Two Iranians were captured in the Nimruz Province clash.

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*LD171526 Kabul BAKHTAR in Dari 1245 GMT 17 Sep 84*

[Text] Kabul, 17 Sep, (BAKHTAR) — According to a report by a security source, a number of armed troops of the Iranian border force, violating border regulations, on 10 September entered 25-km inside the territory of Afghanistan in Dasht-e Trakho region, Chahar Borjak District, Nimruz Province. As a result of their encounter with the border security forces of Nimruz Province, a number of the Iranians were crushed and two were captured. A number of American-made weapons were seized from the aggressors and from the two captured Iranians.

### Keshtmand Addresses Council of Ministers Session

*LD172024 Kabul BAKHTAR in Pashto 1245 GMT 17 Sep 84*

[Text] Kabul, 17 Sep (BAKHTAR) — A routine plenary session of the DRA Council of Ministers was held today in which matters concerning a number of important legal documents, the improvement of reporting work to the Vouncil of Ministers, and the implementation and control of government and party decisions and resolutions by the ministries and state departments were discussed. A number of reports and statements were heard at the Council of Ministers session. After comprehensive discussion, instructions and resolutions on each of them were issued to the ministries and to local organs of state power and administration.

Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand, member of the PDPA Central Committee politburo and chairman of the Council of Ministers, made a speech in connection with an assessment and approval of legal documents. He based his statement on a quotation from Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and president of the DRA Revolutionary Council, who said: The time is ripe for our adjustment of the whole system of law and regulations to match the needs of the people, revolutionary realities, and consideration of the present conditions in the country.

Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand said: The process of drafting a progressive law in the country, which has successfully begun with the victory of the April revolution and in particular its new development stage, is considered as a notable point in the legal history of the country. Maintaining social justice and democratic legality in the socioeconomic and political life of the people has a deep and unbreakable link with the drafting of progressive laws, regulations, and provisions in accord with the conditions in the country. Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand spoke on the shortcomings which exist and specified a number of documents which should be prepared. In today's session, the Council of Ministers adopted a number of important resolutions.

### CC Member Addresses Military Gathering in Badakhshan

*LD150712 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 14 Sep 84*

[Excerpt] Brigadier Mohammad Faruq, member of the PDPA Central Committee and head of the Political Affairs Section of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, took part in a gathering of officers and troops from Badakhshan Province's Sarandoy Command yesterday at which he presented gifts and commendation letters to a number of heroic officers and men of that command. Before presenting the gifts and commendation letters, Brig. Mohammad Faruq spoke about the principled and progressive policies of the DRA party and government. He also praised the bravery and heroism of the officers and men of Badakhshan Sarandoy command in maintaining peace and security in the province.

### Delegation Returns From Bulgarian Celebration

*LD141638 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0630 GMT 14 Sep 84*

[Text] Kabul, 14 Sep (BAKHTAR) — Mohammad Aslam Watanjar, member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and minister of communication who had gone to Bulgaria at the head of a delegation to take part in the ceremony marking the 40th anniversary of this country's revolution at the invitation of the People's Republic of Bulgaria Communist Party and government today returned to Kabul. At Kabul airport the delegation was welcomed by Dastaghir Panjsheri, member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and chairman of the DRA Writers Union, deputy ministers of communication, deputy head of protocol, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Bulgarian Ambassador in Kabul.

### Death Sentences for Counterrevolutionaries

*LD131335 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 12 Sep 84*

[Excerpts] Dear listeners of Radio Afghanistan. Letters denouncing the wicked planting of a bomb outside Kabul airport terminal continue to arrive today. We have received many letters from our dear listeners. We are going to broadcast some of them tonight.

Now we read a letter written by judges, lawyers, staff and personnel of the DRA Supreme Court denouncing the criminal deeds of the counterrevolutionaries:

The April revolution, which took place in accordance with the will of the working people of Afghanistan under the leadership of the PDPA, is a starting point for the country's new history in getting rid of socioeconomic backwardness and creating a new society. The actions of the counterrevolutionaries are totally against the Islam religion. The United States and its accomplices, who are perpetrating and organizing inhuman crimes and mass murder in Afghanistan contrary to the human rights declaration and provisions of the Geneva convention, and who take part in subversive action against revolutionary Afghanistan, are regarded as accomplices to the crimes of the criminals in accordance with the provisions of international law. Their actions are punishable in accordance with international law.

We — the judges, lawyers, staff and personnel of the DRA Supreme Court — condemn the criminal actions of the mercenary counterrevolutionaries from the viewpoint of Islamic law and international law. We express our profound hatred and revulsion regarding the planting of a bomb outside Kabul airport

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### Lebanon

*Embassy Bombing* — Although Beirut radio spoke of a death toll of 40 people, Voice of Lebanon radio and AFP cited reports that 23 people were killed in the suicide bomb attack on the U.S. Embassy building in 'Awkar, east Beirut. Two Americans were killed and around 20 others were among the 60 people injured, according to U.S. officials quoted by AFP. Prime Minister Rashid Karami denounced the attack in remarks broadcast by Beirut radio, while Lebanese Forces Commander Fadi Afram stressed that his men will take greater precautions to maintain security in the eastern part of the capital, according to the Voice of Lebanon.

*Killings in South* — Druze soldiers of the army of southern Lebanon killed 13 Shi'ite villagers and wounded over 18 others in retaliation for an ambush in which 7 of their colleagues were killed or wounded, Jerusalem radio reported. The killings — in Suhmur village south of Lake al-Qir'awn — would have been greater if Israeli officers and army of southern Lebanon Commander Antoine Lahd had not personally intervened to stop the shooting, the radio said. Lahd subsequently announced that the soldiers responsible for the killings were arrested and will be brought to trial, according to Voice of Hope radio. In reports on the incident, the Voice of Lebanon noted estimates that 30 villagers were killed by "Druze elements from Rashayya," while a Progressive Socialist Party source cited by the clandestine Voice of the Mountain radio condemned the massacre by "Internal criminal tools" of Israel.

*Political Developments* — Government ministers meeting in the "conclave" sessions in Bikfayya have agreed to establish a 16-man constitutional reform committee comprising 3 Maronites, 3 Sunnites, 3 Shi'ites, 2 Druze, and 5 others, according to remarks by Prime Minister Karami broadcast by the Voice of Lebanon. Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad subsequently telephoned his Lebanese counterpart Amin al-Jumayyil to offer congratulations over the results of the ministerial conclaves, which will resume on 24 September, the radio noted.

### Red Sea Mines

A Saudi Ship was slightly damaged by an explosion in the Red Sea on 20 September, AFP reported. Meanwhile, Saudi Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan stressed that his country cannot condemn any state or organization for the mining of the Red Sea because the minehunting operations have not yet identified those responsible, SPA noted. Two French minehunters will stay longer than scheduled in the Gulf of Suez at Egypt's request, according to a French Defense Ministry announcement cited by AFP.

### Israel

Jordan's King Husayn will be making a "mistake" if he purchases Soviet weapons, because this could endanger Israel's security and increase suspicion between Israel and Jordan, Prime Minister Shim'on Peres stated in remarks reported by Jerusalem radio. Peres urged Husayn to meet with him to settle the problems between the two states.

### PLO Affairs

The PLO leaders in Algiers, meeting in the absence of PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat, announced the indefinite postponement of the PNC session, Rabat radio reported. Palestinian sources ascribed the decision to persistent factional differences, the radio added. Meanwhile, Palestinian sources cited by the Amman paper *SAWT AL-SHA'B* disclosed that 'Arafat recently met with Libya's Colonel Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi on the Tunisian-Libyan border and that 'Arafat's deputy, Khalil al-Wazir, held talks with the Syrian foreign minister in Athens. Subsequent reports citing Palestinian sources denied the meetings actually took place.

In another development, the PFLP-GeneraL Command announced that it has begun negotiations through the International Red Cross for a POW exchange with Israel, AFP reported. However, the organization's spokesman added that the negotiations are currently blocked by Israel's "stubbornness."

### North African Affairs

Responding to Algerian criticism of the Moroccan-Libyan agreement, Tripoli radio castigated the "regionalist Arab regime" bordering Libya for its "rabid" attack on the Oujda agreement. The Libyan commentary poured scorn on "the one which is hosting the deviationist rightist leadership in the PLO" and warned this "regionalist rotten regime" against persisting with its "devious" line. In similar vein, JANA sharply criticized a "certain party" for hindering the referendum in the Western Sahara and thereby exposing its real intentions of colonizing and dominating the area.

Meanwhile, Algiers radio reported a SDAR statement claiming that 157 Moroccan soldiers were killed and 265 were wounded in recent fighting in the Western Sahara. As for the Chad issue, the Chadian foreign minister held talks with officials in Algiers, APS noted, and he subsequently stated that France may be making "an error of judgment" in its troop withdrawal agreement with Libya, according to Paris radio's international service.

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*LD200934 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0421 GMT 20 Sep 84*

[Text] Kabul, September 19, BAKHTAR — Among other important documents, a credit agreement was signed during the recent fourth session of the permanent inter-governmental Afghan-Soviet commission for economic cooperation in Kabul. This was stated by Sarwar Mangal, deputy chairman of the Council of Ministers of the DRA and president of the State Planning Committee, to a correspondent of the daily *HEYWAD*.

Sarwar Mangal, the head of the Afghan delegation at the commission, added that under this agreement the Soviet Union will offer to Afghanistan a credit of one hundred million rubles under easy terms for the years 1985 to 1990. Under this credit agreement, the Soviet Union will provide Afghanistan with the needed consumer goods such as the petroleum products, sugar, wheat and other items.

He said that according to a protocol signed between the two sides, the economic, scientific and technical cooperation between the DRA and the Soviet Union will be further expanded. Under this protocol, both sides agreed to accelerate the mining survey works and to continue joint activities of Afghan and Soviet institutions in transport, trade, planning, training of cadres and other spheres of the national economy.

Sarwar Mangal stated that the fourth session of the commisison called satisfactory the results of the implementation of the previous decisions made last year at the third session of the commission held in Moscow. The documents signed by the both sides are the clear manifestations of the fact that the fruitful friendship and cooperation between Afghanistan and the Soviet Union will be further consolidated, Sarwar Mangal concluded.

### PDPA Secretary Barialay Visiting Poland

*LD200909 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0430 GMT 20 Sep 84*

[Text] Kabul, September 19, BAKHTAR — Mahmud Barialay, an alternate member of Politburo and secretary of the PDPA CC had a meeting today with Wojciech Jaruzelski, first secretary of the Central Committee of the Polish United Workers Party and chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Polish People's Republic.

Mahmud Barialay informed Wojciech Jaruzelski of the progressive transformations and gains of the April revolution. He said that the counter-revolutionary bands are financed by the imperialists and sent to Afghanistan for various kinds of terroristic activities, but such hostile activities can not deter Afghanistan from the course of political and socioeconomic progress.

Wojciech Jaruzelski wished further successes for the Afghan people in the realization of the objectives of the April revolution and in rebuffing the intervention of imperialism in the internal affairs of Afghanistan. Both sides expressed confidence that relations between their parties would be further enhanced and deepened.

### Reportage on Visit

For reportage on the visit by Mahmud Barialay, alternate member of the Politburo and secretary of the PDPA Central Committee, to Poland, including his talks with Wojciech Jaruzelski, premier of the Polish People's Republic, see the Poland section of the 20 September Eastern Europe *DAILY REPORT* and subsequent issues.

### Counterrevolutionaries Defeated in Lowgar Province

*LD201717 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 20 Sep 84*

[Text] A responsible source for the country's security forces reported to the BIA that recently as a result of a successful operation by the security forces in the villages of Lowgar Province, 54 counterrevolutionaries, including their ringleader, Mola Jomadin, and his assistant, Mola Qeyamodin, were crushed and 26 of these criminals were captured.

During the operation, security forces seized 1 recoilless gun, 12 DShK's along with 10,000 rounds of ammunition, 23 rocket launchers, 3 Zk1, one mortar, 40 anti-tank and anti-personal mines, 2 hand grenades, 500 kgs explosive substances, 53 DShK (?magazines), 3 boxes mortar mines, one 303, 6 Chinese Kalashnikovs, 1 [word indistinct] along with 19,9600 rounds of assorted ammunition, 15 camps, 6 foodstuff depots, 4 trucks, and a quantity of anti-state documents proving the links of the bands to elements outside the country.

The report adds that during the operation 9 trucks, 1 motorcycle, 1 weapon and equipment store; 1 foodstuff deport, and 1 medicine store belonging tothe enemy were destroyed.

### Rebels Surrender to Security Forces in Badghisat

*LD202124 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 20 Sep 84*

[Text] Our deceived compatriots taken intothe ranks of the murderer bands by hostile propaganda of counterrevolutionary elements, have realized the truth of the lofty and worthy objectives of the PDPA. Repenting and promising to remedy their past deeds, they surrendered to security forces in accordance with the DRA Revolutionary Council amnesty decree, pledging to serve the homeland and revolution.

The BIA correspondent, quoting a spokesman of the security forces in Badghisat Province, reports that recently a 21-man armed group, which had stood in the ranks of the Jami'at-e Eslami criminal and murderer band, surrendered to the security forces in this province, bringing their weapons with them. They gave an assurance to defend the gains of the April revolution and its new development stage. They said that they were not going to allow the enemies of the people of Afghanistan to intimidate, destroy, and murder our innocent compatriots on the instruction of their imperialist masters.

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